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AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Responsive to the outstanding Office Action dated December 28, 2006, entry of the following amendments is respectfully requested.

The Director of the USPTO is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.16 and 1.7 and credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-1442.